

# ALEC REED ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I once again apologise for any inconvenience caused by us having to shut Year 2 through to Year 6 last Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> November due to the leak that had developed over the weekend. It does show how important it was to start the process of replacing the roof. Once complete it should mean that the Academy will have at least another twenty years of service without further issues.

As we move into the final weeks before the Christmas vacation, I thought I would write to all parents to bring you up to speed on a number of activities that are taking place across the academy over the last two weeks of term.

The Primary Christmas Concerts are on the following days.

<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b> Reception	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b> Years 3+4	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b> Years 5+6	<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b> Years 1+2
1.45pm – 2.45pm	1.45pm – 3.00pm	9.15am – 11.00am	1.45pm – 2.45pm

If you are attending one of these performances, then please enter the Academy through the main entrance at the Secondary school section of the building. As you arrive you will be encouraged to make a donation to the charity '**Save the Children**'. A significant number of our families are being affected by the current conflict in the Gaza strip and your donations will be used to support children affected by war.

Primary parents may also be pleased to know that Santa Claus has once again promised to visit the Arc on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**.

The dates of our annual **Christmas Lunch** are as follows, **11<sup>th</sup> December for Primary** pupils and the **12<sup>th</sup> December for** Secondary. This is free for all Primary pupils and we subsidise the cost for Secondary pupils so that it is the price of the normal meal deal - £2.80. If you child is not Free School Meals then do please ensure you top up their card on Parent Pay.

In the Secondary phase we will be having our **Christmas/Festive Jumper Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. The children will be asked to make a donation of £1 on the day for the privilege of wearing the jumper and this will also be sent to Save the Children to support their charitable works in war torn communities.

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Parents of Secondary pupils should also note that our next **Drop Down Day is on the 7<sup>th</sup> December** and on that day the Secondary school will close at 1.15pm to facilitate the **Year 8 Parents Evening** which is organised for that afternoon and evening. I know that 80% of parents have already made appointments. If you have not yet done so, then this should be a priority for you over the next 24 hours.

Looking ahead to the holidays themselves you may be interested in the **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme that will be running at ARA from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of January, between 9am-3pm.**

The programme is organised by Sportworks and it is free at children and young people in school years Reception to Year 11 who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. The children will have access to sports activities, arts & crafts, enriching activities & nutritional education. All children that attend the HAF program will also receive a hot meal for lunch. Eligible families will need a school HAF/FSM code to book their place and these will be emailed separately to eligible families.

Sports Works are also offering a holiday camp for any other children that are not eligible for the HAF programme. The cost of the holiday camp is £25.00 a day and provides a schedule of activities that cater for each child's talents and interests, creating fantastic memories and experiences.

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sportworks **FREE**

**EALING WINTER HAF**

- play games
- make friends
- enjoy lunch
- have fun

3RD - 5TH JANUARY 2024  
9AM - 3:40PM  
@ ALEC REED ACADEMY, UB5 5LQ

Holiday Activities & Food Programme for children and young people in receipt of benefits related free school meals.

For more information please contact:  
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The children have worked extremely hard this term and we are pleased with the progress being made. They deserve the holiday that is coming and the opportunity to recharge batteries. It is also important to bring the Autumn term to a close with a range of celebratory events. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the staff that work behind the scenes to facilitate these whether it be making the food, designing costumes or directing the performances.

When the festive holiday does arrive, I wish you all the best and hope that whatever your faith you are able to get some down time to spend with loved ones. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and a final reminder that all year groups return to school on Tuesday 9th January.

Kind regards

Phil Cosby  
Principal & CEO